

PROPOSAL EVALUATION
IRWM Grant Program – Planning Grant, Round 1, FY 2010-2011

Applicant	Castaic Lake Water Agency	County	Los Angeles
Project Title	Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP 2010 Update	Grant Request	\$266,250
		Total Project Cost	\$355,000

Project Description The Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP 2010 Update will revise the adopted IRWM Plan to meet new IRWM Plan standards. To support the Plan update, the proposal includes two technical studies, a Climate Change Technical Study and a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed. The studies will help to meet the new Standards, fill identified data gaps identified within the IRWMP, and meet the specific water quality objectives for the Plan.

Evaluation Summary

Scoring Criterion	Score
Work Plan	15
DAC Involvement	8
Schedule	10
Budget	10
Program Preferences	7
Geographic Balance	0
<i>Total Score</i>	<i>50</i>

- **Work Plan** The work plan fully addresses the criterion and is supported by thorough documentation and logical rationale. Applicant identifies what needs updating with the existing plan. Applicant describes in detail what needs to be done, how the results of the two technical studies will be integrated into the Plan update, and how both studies will fill data gaps that are central to achieving both standards compliance and Plan objectives. Work Plan tasks are consistent with those in the budget and schedule.
- **DAC Involvement** Applicant describes the DAC outreach that was part of the current Plan development. Applicant states that these “outreach efforts will be continual as part of the USCR IRWMP and will be throughout Plan update.” However, no discussion was found on facilitating DAC project development for inclusion in Plan. Though there is proposed continued outreach to DAC areas for Plan, this outreach is not specifically addressed under the tasks, other than through the broad stakeholder process.
- **Schedule** The schedule is consistent with the work plan and budget and it appears reasonable. The schedule proposes just under two years for completing proposal with the preparation of the Final IRWMP.
- **Budget** Both a summary budget table and detailed budget tables are provided. All are consistent with the work plan and schedule. All information required by PSP is provided. Tables provide a breakdown of the applicant’s funding match and requested grant funds. Supporting information for the budget includes labor categories, hourly rates, labor time estimates, and other direct costs (report preparations, etc.). The minimum Funding Match of 25% of the total proposal costs is indicated. The sources for funding match are identified as “general operating fund and revenue from rates”. All task budgets appear reasonable.
- **Program Preference** Seven program preferences (Include regional projects/programs, effectively integrate water management programs and projects, drought preparedness, use and reuse water more efficiently, practice integrated flood management, protect surface water and groundwater quality, climate change response actions) were adequately addressed.
- **Geographic Balance** Not Applicable